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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF AND THRUST NEEDLE

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LETTER UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed December 8, 2005.

The Notice of Allowability acknowledges receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents. The Notice states that the "certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application form the International Bureau". This is incorrect, however. The two priority documents were filed together with this application on November 5, 2003. A copy of Applicants' letter claiming priority and forwarding the documents, as well as a copy of our stamped postcard receipt are enclosed for your information.

It is respectfully requested that the records of the Patent Office be corrected to ensure that

the deed of Letters Patent will be printed correctly and that a corrected Notice of Allowability be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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